

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title beginning at page 1, line 1, with the following rewritten title:

~~Method and System for an~~ Integrated Circuit Card Interface Device with Multiple Modes of Operation

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 1, an IC card interface device 140 with multiple modes of operation can operate in connected mode 170, whereby it can communicate both with host device 120 (connected via asynchronous communications channel 130) and with smart card 160 (via communications path 150). In addition, ~~smart card~~ interface device 140 ~~(or just interface device)~~ can operate in a standalone mode 190, whereby it only communicates with smart card 160. In standalone mode 190, the operation of interface device 140 would be completely ~~self-contained~~ self-contained. In general, a mode of operation can be any distinct operating configuration involving interface device 140. In particular, one feature of a mode of operation can be the number of other devices (if any) to which interface device 140 can be connected.